

## National School Lunch Program – SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION NSLP-SSO 2014



- ... Are you making summer plans?
- ... Will kids in your community need good meals this summer?
- ... Are you looking for an easy way to serve meals with your summer activities?

If you answered yes to one of these questions, keep reading... the NSLP - Seamless Summer Option could be in your future!

### What is the Seamless Summer Option?

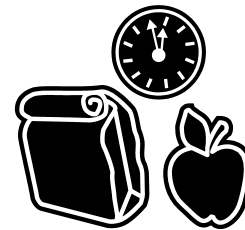
The Seamless Summer Option combines features of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) with reduced paperwork and monitoring requirements.

Meals must be served in low-income communities where 50% of children are eligible for free/reduced price school meals.

Meals are reimbursed at the NSLP/SBP free rates and follow NSLP and SBP rules for meal service.

#### **See 2013-14 NSLP/SBP Claim summer rates:**

*Lunch \$2.93/ Breakfast \$1.58/ Snack \$0.80 for specially needy lunch \$2.95 or severe need breakfast \$1.89 if qualify.*



Two meals per day can be reimbursed (3 for migrant sites and camps).

### Who can participate in the Seamless Summer Option?

School districts participating in the NSLP or SBP are eligible to apply for the Seamless Summer Option. Once approved through their governing state agency, school districts serve meals free of charge to children, 18 years and under, from low-income areas.

Public and private nonprofit School Food Authorities (SFAs) can apply through the NSLP State agency to operate the Seamless Summer Option. Register for training by March 2 by visiting <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/sfsp.aspx>.

SFAs may operate the feeding sites or sponsor other organizations to provide the meal service.

### **What types of sites qualify for the Seamless Summer Option?**

In schools or non-school settings, including:

- Schools \*
- Parks and playgrounds
- Community centers
- Migrant sites and
- Residential and day camps

### **How do I know the Seamless Summer Option is a good choice for my summer program?**

The Seamless Summer Option is a good choice for you if:

- SFSP paperwork requirements have kept you from offering summer meals
- It's okay to be reimbursed at the NSLP rates, which are slightly lower than SFSP rates (See current claim form and refer to summer rates for amounts.)
- Comparison chart is available at:  
[http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SFSP\\_SeamlessComparisonChart.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SFSP_SeamlessComparisonChart.pdf)
- 2013 Edition of Q&A for the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option is located at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP32-2013os.pdf>

### **Everyone wins with the Seamless Summer Option!**

- All children eat free
- Through summer programs children have fun with friends and get active play
- Cafeteria workers and others in the community can be employed

For more information, contact your NSLP State agency or

Visit the USDA website at:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Seamless\\_Summer.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Seamless_Summer.htm)

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\* You may **not** operate the Seamless Summer Option at schools that are only open for students attending summer school (in this situation, you must operate the traditional NSLP/SBP and do an extension for the school year.)